

## **‘Old Ironsides’ Commemorates Historic Battle with HMS Guerriere**

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Charlestown, Mass. – USS Constitution Sailors will commemorate at the Charlestown Navy Yard Aug. 19, the ship’s historic battle with HMS Guerriere.

The ceremony will begin at approximately 6 p.m. The American and British National Anthems will be played by Navy Band Northeast, followed by opening remarks from Constitution’s 71<sup>st</sup> Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Timothy Cooper.

The ceremony will conclude at approximately 7 p.m. with a wreath laying and benediction. Guest speakers who are descendants of significant men who fought in this battle will also be in attendance.

Constitution’s decisive victory over Guerriere during the War of 1812 marked the first time a U.S. Navy ship of nearly equal size defeated a Royal Navy ship. It’s also the battle in which the ship earned her famous nickname “Old Ironsides.”

Constitution is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston. She is the world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and welcomes more than 500,000 visitors a year. For more information on Constitution, visit

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